

Points well earned by Wycombe at home

Sports Mail Special Report

TWO goals in the first ten minutes put Wycombe Wanderers on their mettle in their Isthmian League game against Bromley at Wycombe, and they were well worth the points.

Wycombe Wanderers: Syrett, Lewis, Pullin, Thomas, Royston, Gale, Worley, Beck, Bassett, Horseman, Hodges.

Bromley: Harwood, Brown, Poole, Hobbs, Basham, McAllister, Hall, Viney, Lambeth, Marshall, Stevens.

Referee: Mr. R. Byatt (Enfield).

Bromley took the initiative early on, with inside right Viney the danger man of their lively attack, but once they had settled down Wycombe produced some sparkling forward moves.

A surprise goal gave them the lead after six minutes when a speculative long-range shot by PULLIN completely deceived the visiting defence and soared into the net.

A few minutes later goalkeeper Harwood did well to save a header from Hodges, from an accurate centre by Worley. When the ball came away BECK was there to bang it back for a second.

WELL ON TOP

Wycombe were now well on top and Bromley were lucky to escape when another long-range drive by Pullin soared past Harwood into the net. The crowd roared in disagreement when the goal was disallowed for offside.

Wycombe's superiority at this stage was due largely to the fine constructive play of wing halves Thomas and Gale, and the forwards were showing a refreshing willingness to take a snap shot at goal at every opportunity, with Worley specially prominent on the right wing.

Half-time: Wycombe W. 2, Bromley 0.

After almost finding the mark with a header HORSEMAN added a third in the 51st minute from a pass by Hodges.

Four minutes before the end Bromley swept back again and MARSHALL beat Syrett with a brilliant long range shot on the run.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3
BROMLEY 1

SHOCK GOALS AID WYCOMBE

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TWO shock goals in the first nine minutes virtually settled the issue for Wycombe Wanderers in their Isthmian League game against Bromley.

Twice goalkeeper Harwood was caught napping before the Bromley defence settled down. The first goal came six minutes after the start from left-back George Pullin. His 30-yard drive completely deceived the entire Bromley defence.

Then inside-right John Beck's shot surprised Harwood.

The goals sapped much of the spirit from Bromley, who had started off with great dash. It was not until the last 20 minutes that their key forwards, Alan Viney and Micky Marshall, managed to regain a grip on the game.

For the rest, they were held well in check by Wycombe's clever wing-halves, Dave Thomas and Charlie Gale. This resulted in Bromley centre-forward Lambeth lacking support.

Horseman got a third goal for Wycombe early in the second half, but neglect of left-winger Hodges frequently marred the effectiveness of the home attack.

The Bromley rally resulted in Marshall scoring five minutes from the end.